

I feel mode segmentation is warranted for the 160 meter amateur band. While this amateur band is often referred to as the gentleman's band, that does not preclude strong opinions as to what is right or wrong. One person's "right" is often another's "wrong".

I do not see that segmentation imposes any obstacle to operating on this band. By segregating a portion of the band for exclusive CW use would go a long way to making the most dedicated users of this band very happy. Moving telephony operation above 1850 or even 1900 kHz would not place an excessive burden on any users. From long experience using this amateur band, I feel confident saying the segment above 1900 kHz is underutilized. By moving telephony operation above this lower limit would go a long way to reducing undesired cross mode interference and better, more efficient use of the available spectrum.

Respectfully,

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